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## Walker's Hardware Store Robbed; Rifle, Revolvers, Razors, Cash Gone Army Safe Chopped Open; Clews

Saturday morning there was no finding with keyholes in unlocking the front and rear doors of the J. L. Walker hardware store in this city. Both front and rear entrances were wide open.

Burglars had jimmied an entrance and had carried off one rifle and half a dozen revolvers. They rifled the cash register of change amounting to about \$50 and on their way out took what razors and other things they needed. Mr. Walker said his loss amounted to about \$150.

### Holdup Rumor Denied.

Rumors floated around the city Sunday that one man had held up another and relieved him of \$50 in the vicinity of the Spread Eagle pool room. Running down the rumor proved there was nothing to it.

### HOTEL GUEST VICTIM OF PUNYFOOT SNEAKTHIEF

Alison Kettle, lighthouse operator on the Daily Courier, rooming at the Hoover hotel, awoke Sunday morning early enough to scare away a sneakthief. He in minus \$2 in small change and his watch, which was on the dresser. If the thief had made a more thorough search he would have discovered a hundred or so in his coat pocket. Printers, as a rule, carry money in all pockets, just as it is, carelessly, in any old pocket and when it becomes cumbersome throw it away.

### COMMISARY SAFE CHOPPED OPEN; \$25 GONE

A safe in the commissary department at Camp Furlong in the office presided over by P. A. Mills, was carried to a nearby warehouse and chopped open and the robber found \$25 for his trouble.

Finger prints were left on the safe and an investigation is under way.

### CUT HIS FINGER OFF WITH NEWFANGLE MACHINE

J. A. Hollimon, one of the proprietors of the City Market, accidentally cut off one of his fingers of his right hand Saturday morning in a new machine he was experimenting with. Mr. Hollimon will now stand around and look like a "bone" his partner, Mr. Preusser, James Anderson and Ralph Kelly, to say nothing of the customers, and they are increasing every day.

### BULLET THROUGH HOTEL WINDOW PANE

Sunday afternoon while the proprietor of the Hotel Clark was out of the office, a spent bullet struck the window pane and started one lone lobbyite. No damage was done.

The federal grand jury in session last week at Santa Fe returned sweeping indictments for violations of the federal law throughout the state of New Mexico.

### U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DISCLOSES CROP CONDITIONS

Luna County, N. M.—Mild, windy weather, with cold nights that have destroyed the peach crop. Truck now being planted, and ground prepared for later planting. Labor rather scarce at \$1.50 to \$2 per day and board. Milo selling at \$2.00 and beans at \$2 per hundred. A surplus of beans and mink for market. A number of cattlemen are shipping in pure bred bulls.

Grant County, N. M.—Weather favorable to spring planting. Wages \$2.50 to \$3 per day, and good labor scarce. No car shipments of crops from county, but all consumed locally.

Reocro County, N. M.—Light rain fall, high winds. No serious damage to fruit from frost to date. No winter wheat in county. Only 500 acres (spring wheat) planted. Alfalfa selling at \$20 to \$25 per ton. Corn at \$3 per hundred pounds. Labor supply normal at \$1.50 to \$2 per day.

### CAR OF CASING IN AT FLORIDA WELL

Drill Has Reached Depth of About 1,000 Feet, With Splendid Indications.

The log of the oil well of the Florida Oil company, west of town, shows that drilling has now reached a depth of approximately 1,000 feet, with splendid indications for oil. Interest mounts higher as the drill goes down and the company officials are very much encouraged by the letters of inquiry and application for stock which are being received from various parts of the country.

A carload of casing has been unloaded at the well and will insure ample supply for present needs. Manager Clark is determined to let nothing delay the early completion of what he has every reason to believe will be a surprisingly good well. If you have neglected to hand in your subscription for a block of Florida stock, don't wait another day, but see them now. Denning never fails to do things right and we can't afford to cause any possible delay in drilling operations for lack of funds. Every little helps, and every share of stock purchased now brings the drill just that much nearer to the completion of our first oil well.—Denning Headlight.

### TELEGRAM TO DAILY COURIER EXPLAINS ITSELF

San Francisco, Cal., April 10. Kilgore & Burkhead, Publishers, Columbus, N. M.

Your request for wire service will be formally acted upon by board of directors. I will do everything possible to expedite matters.

PAUL COWLE.

Supt. of the Associated Press.

Saturday was pay day at Camp Furlong.

### MAY ALLISON PLEASES APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE

Metro Star in "The Return of Mary" Will Pack Onyx Theatre.

"The Return of Mary," a five reel romantic drama with May Allison as winsome little Mary, is the feature show at the Onyx theatre tonight.

For refreshing romance and sparkling humor nothing could surpass this Metro offering, and, quite up to the standard set by the excellence of the story, is the acting and directing. The supporting cast is well chosen and Darrell Foss, as Miss Allison's leading man in the role of Jack Denby, does some clever work. Other artists who support the star are Clarence Burton, Claire McDowell, Frank Brownlee and Joseph Belmont.

The story is that of a young girl who at the age of three was supposed to have been kidnapped from the magnificent home of her wealthy parents who, through the long succeeding years never gave up the search for their lost daughter. After many years have elapsed a man appears at the house with a beautiful girl of seventeen and announces that she is the stolen child—bringing as proof a tiny pair of shoes and a baby cap which the overjoyed mother instantly recognizes. Mary is taken into the Denby home and loved as a daughter—the son Jack being particularly attracted to his newfound sister. Later, with many dramatic situations, it is shown that Mary is really the daughter of a poor employee of the railroad. This causes great grief to the Denbys who have grown to love the beautiful girl, but to Jack, the fact that Mary is not his sister is a delightful surprise and brings up visions of another and closer relationship. The romance, which dates from this important discovery, is made a delight by Miss Allison's acting and she is an instantaneous success with her audience.

The screen version of "The Return of Mary" was made by George D. Baker from the play of the same name written by Hale Hamilton and was directed by Wilfred Lucas.

### U. S. STEEL MAN HERE EXAMINING MINING CLAIMS

Harry Edwards of this city has been entertaining Earl Carter of Birmingham, Ala., for the past week. Mr. Carter is chief engineer of the United States Steel company and has been making an investigation into mining possibilities on Cook's Peak, where Harry Edwards has located valuable claims. Mrs. Edwards and wife have been located in Columbus for some time. Mrs. Edwards owning the Woman's Shop. Mr. Edwards is versatile. Besides being a miner, he is an old time newspaper man, a practical printer and a good mineralogist. He has made several "clean-ups" in New Mexico and is about to make another. He is also a way-up Mason. The family removed here from Denning.

### CALIFORNIA COMPANY JO DRILL WELL IN LUNA CO.

C. B. Morgan and S. W. Almy returned Tuesday from a trip to California in the interest of the leases of about two hundred thousand acres of Luna county oil lands. These gentlemen have closed a contract with Los Angeles capitalists for the lease of forty thousand acres of this land and the early drilling of a well on same. It is understood that a substantial profit has been posted by the California company and that papers will be signed by the 15th of this month which will insure the beginning of drilling operations in the immediate future.—Denning Headlight.

C. E. Koiffin, who may very properly be called an oil magnate now, spent Sunday in El Paso.

### HAYAKAWA PLAYS ROLE OF AVENGER IN NEW PICTURE

Japanese Actor Cast as Young Samurai Determined to Uphold the Honor of His Family in "His Birthright."

Senzo Hayakawa, Japanese star of the screen, has a great dramatic opportunity in his new production, "His Birthright," a play based on the desire of revenge of a Japanese youth whose father is an American naval officer, produced by the Hawthorth Pictures Corporation for Mutual and shown at the Columbus theatre tonight.

The story covers Yukio's discovery of his mother's life history after he has reached the age of 21, when, according to the code of the samurai, he became responsible for the honor of his family. It reveals his determination to be avenged upon his father, who has by this time become an admiral of the United States navy.

After arriving in the United States as a cabin boy on a Pacific liner, Yukio becomes involved with a beautiful adventuress who desires certain papers she knows to be in Yukio's possession. Yukio recovers the papers, but his family honor prompts him to return them, since he is not a thief but an avenger. His love for Edna, the adventuress, is dispelled when he finds her out as the head of a gang of spies, and in a desperate fight recovers the stolen document, returning it to his father.

Yukio's wounds are healed in his father's home and there he learns the true meaning of America's place in the world war. He determines to abandon revenge and fight for world freedom.

The play is splendidly staged and photographed. Included in the cast are Marin Sais, Howard Davies, Mary Anderson, Tami Aoki, Sydney de Grey, Harry von Meter and Marjorie Kelsa.

### SIX COLUMBUS COUPLES OBTAIN MARRIAGE LICENSES

Thomas Hernandez	19
George Arguello	21
Helen Holmes	24
Samuel H. Harper	29
Manuela Encinas	40
Rosario Flores	46
Ruby Webb	50
George Nelson	59
Grace Peters	58
Willie Holmes	43
Verna Gray	37
James C. Giles	35

### Hot Lunch for School Children.

The public schools of Las Cruces are serving one hot dish for noon lunch. One of the following dishes is served each day: Cocoa, vegetable soup, tomato soup, pea soup, cream corn, cream celery soup and potato soup. These dishes are very popular with the pupils. It is a well known fact that pupils in school do much better with a hot lunch than with a cold lunch.

The Alameda school in Bernalillo county is also serving hot lunches under the direction of Mrs. Wilson, county superintendent of schools, assisted by the home demonstration agent.

### First Daily Subscriber.

E. M. Fletcher of the West Side was the first paid-in-advance subscriber to the Daily Courier. Mr. Fletcher called at the Courier office Saturday afternoon and said he wanted to be sure the carriers would not miss him and he will receive the Daily Courier for one month's subscription to this paper.

### Hotel Arrivals.

Among the guests registered at the Hotel Clark are: O. H. Horton, El Paso; W. B. Kuyper, San Antonio; Harold Ewald, El Paso; G. A. Wheeler, El Paso; R. W. Kunes, St. Louis.

## Federal Grand Jury Takes a Whack at the 24th Infantry; Officers and Soldiers Indignant; Indictments

The continuation of some of the soldiers of the 24th Infantry now stationed in Camp Furlong was severe and caused considerable comment among officers and soldiers alike. The officers contend that in all large bodies of men and in an organization of 5,000 soldiers especially, there is bound to be a certain percentage of drug and liquor addicts, but they maintain the percentage is not any higher in the 24th Infantry than elsewhere.

Following is a scathing denunciation which was printed in both the El Paso Herald and the El Paso Times:

Santa Fe, N. M., April 10.—The smuggling of narcotics and intoxicating liquors into the vicinity of Columbus, N. M., by and for the benefit of United States soldiers stationed there has reached a stage where the civil authorities are helpless, according to the report of the United States Grand Jury to District Judge Goin, held here today. The jury recommends to the war department that it transfer the regiment stationed at Columbus to some other point remote from the Mexican border or "take steps to enforce their obedience to the law."

### Soldiers Make Work for Court.

The grand jury reports that one third of the cases investigated by it originated from the activities of enlisted men of the units stationed at Columbus. The grand jury's investigation covers all violations of the prohibition act, the federal laws throughout the entire state of New Mexico.

### Newspaper Man Indicted.

Among the indictments returned today was one against J. G. Albright, newspaper editor of Albiquerque, who is charged with sending a defamatory article through the mails. It is understood the article in question is the one that formed the basis for a recent libel suit against Albright by Mayor A. G. Hannett of Gallup.

### Motor Company Men Indicted.

The grand jury returned two additional indictments in the Cannon Hall motor case, one against officials of the organization and the other against men connected with the associated Western Tire Manufacturing company. The men charged are A. Robertson, James D. Hamblin, M. M. Craig, R. R. Triplett and F. W. McElroy of the Cannon Hall company and of the other company, Kent Stallings, D. A. Randall, J. C. Milne, Charles A. Robertson and James D. Hamblin. The indictments charge using the mails to defraud.

### Indians Held for Rustling.

Five San Domingo Pueblo Indians were indicted for cattle rustling, the outcome of the clash between the Indians and deputy sheriffs last Christmas which threatened to result in a massacre of the officers.

### Mann Act Charged.

Dr. A. E. Halloway, osteopath of Estancia, was indicted for alleged

violation of the Mann act, it being charged that he let Estancia with a young woman, whom he took to Amarillo, Texas, Clayton and Hot Springs, N. M., and Trinidad, Colo.

### State Registered Letters.

Francisco Hanson, Jr. pleaded guilty to stealing a registered letter containing \$2,000 from a mail pouch while acting as mail carrier in place of his father near Tierra Amarilla, Rio Arriba county, New Mexico.

Antonio Quintana pleaded guilty to stealing a registered letter at Pecos and Ralph Shover to impersonating a federal officer.

Other indictments were as follows: Calisto Sanchez and Pignatelli, smuggling tins; Esther Hicks, dealing in narcotics; A. D. Hicks and Abner Smith, conspiring to smuggle cocaine and morphine for sale into express cars; Eugene Chisler and Margarita Furcinella, selling to Indians; Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Butti, violation of the prohibition act; M. M. Foley, C. A. Dolan and Henry Nelson, stealing alcohol from interstate shipments; Louis Selig, violation of the wartime prohibition act and running a still. Selig was a deputy sheriff in Colfax county.

### Laundry for 5,000 Soldiers.

The Columbus Steam Laundry moved from its old location to its new home on East Broadway. The new laundry building is a model laundry building, with plenty of light and sanitary conditions. J. I. Vincent, manager, starts the business in the new building with an enormous contract, that of Camp Furlong, the contract calling for the weekly laundry of over 5,000 soldiers. The details of gathering this laundry, marking, counting, laundering and returning is an endless chain of detail that is bewildering to the uninitiated. The payroll from this laundry alone runs into the thousands monthly and will make business good for the merchants on Saturday nights.

### Daily Landmark Gone.

The old Bailey mansion is now a wreck. For years it stood down by the border, surrounded by servants' quarters, fruit trees, flowers and shrubbery. The Baileys were noted entertainers and many lawn parties and dances were held for the countryside long before armies were thought of. It was a landmark. It has been vacant since the raid, and it has been raided so often for what could be carried away that it was decided to wreck it for the valuable lumber it contained.

### New General Store.

Waterloo, ten miles north of Columbus, boasts a new merchandise store. T. A. Huber purchased a new stock of goods and will open a general store in a short time. Tom will put in an oil station and "very thing and his many friends will undoubtedly make this a stopping place on their way to and from Denning.

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**SESSUE HAYAKAWA**  
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**His Birthright**  
The dramatic story of a Japanese boy who sought to revenge the wrongs done his mother. He planned to kill his American father but when they came face to face after a death grapple with the German spies, the boy changed his mind.  
TONIGHT AT THE  
**Columbus Theatre**

**WHAT BILLY SAYS TODAY...**  
SPRINGTIME FROCKS  
AND  
SPECIALS FOR TOTS  
AT  
**The Bazaar**

**ONYX THEATRE**  
TONIGHT  
**MAY ALLISON**  
IN  
**RETURN OF MARY**  
Will a girl choose love before wealth?